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REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. About 50 aircraft were parked in two rows in front of the hangar at the ORANIENBURG (N 53/Z 67) airfield. About 90 aircraft had left the airfield on 9 June 1949. The previously reported Soviet Capt IGNACHENKO, who signed all orders, notices and certificates, was, according to the Soviet soldiers, the CO of the airfield. Work on the runway was being done.

12 July 1949

2. Construction work on the SE-NW runway was still under way. This work had been started to the southeast, north of the Velten River bridge. About 150 laborers worked there. An about 200 x 600-foot section had been filled with debris and rolled. Another about 1,600-foot section had been excavated as far as just short of the old E-W runway. Trucks and a narrow-gauge field railway hauled the debris for the subgrade from the eastern edge of the field. It could not be learned if construction work was also being done behind the old runway in a northwestern direction.
3. There was no flying during five hours of observation. Thirty-two Pe-2s with all-metal cockpit including some with single, others with divided cockpit, were counted in front of the hangar at the northern border of the airfield.

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Comment:

a. Report confirms that some of the bombers previously stationed at the ORANIENBURG airfield had left. They presumably departed because of the construction work now being done at the landing field. The aircraft were probably transferred to STEFUSBERG. The latter airfield has been occupied by Pe-2s

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since 8 June 1949.

b. Capt IGNACHENKO was previously reported [redacted]
it has not been ascertained to which unit Capt IGNACHENKO is
assigned. *

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c. The previously reported construction work on the NW-SE
runway is confirmed. **

d. The statement that the bombers have all-metal cockpits
shows that the bombers stationed in ORANIEBURG are Pe-2s and
not Pe-3s.

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